



## The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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### *May 2012 Newsletter*

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#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

June 8: Annual auction

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#### **Highlights from the May Meeting:**

Club president Jerry Skoll, KC9DTB, started the meeting at 7:24 pm. He announced that he had received word earlier that evening that Jeff Butler, KC9HSZ, had a stroke with an aneurysm, and was going to be taken off life support this evening. Jerry also announced that Ron Williams, W9YZ, had passed away on May 8. Self introductions were done, there were 47 in attendance at the meeting. Jerry announced that Jay Willever, K9LJW, the club's treasurer, will be moving to Denver at some point in the near future. Jerry asked if anyone present would be interested in filling in as interim treasurer. Jerry announced that the Indianapolis Radio Club will be going in with the Hendricks County club for Field Day. The Broad Ripple Hamfest will be the first weekend in August, at a location to be determined. The June meeting will be the annual auction. Jerry announced that tomorrow from noon until 5 at the War Memorial station, the annual Military Cross-Band event will occur. Jim Rinehart, K9RU, announced that monthly testing will continue alternating months between the east side at the IPSC facility, and the west side Salvation Army facility around Lafayette Square. Tomorrow's testing will be at the IPSC facility. Tom Chance, K9XV, announced the new 147.21 repeater, located at 500' on the old MECA tower at State and Washington. He is wanting to get some testing on this repeater to see it's coverage, especially for handhelds. It will be linked to the 224.8 for the Tuesday 220 net. Travis Vettters, W8QHV, announced that the old 145.29 is back on the air from the Coatesville area. Jerry said we were going to start having a portion of the monthly meetings dedicated to a little "technical help" time, for those with technical

questions that have them stumped. Ron Cooper, WB9DKL, started with a question regarding getting firewall penetration on his Hyundai Accent.

Next Jerry introduced Burt Williams, Disaster Coordinator from Salvation Army. Burt related his experiences from the Henryville tornado. They served over 1000 meals from the canteen. There was an abundance of food donated from various sources for this event. Burt said that so far the Salvation Army has given away \$60,000 for relief efforts. Burt talked about their efforts to keep a local vendor in business by buying their meals from this vendor. Burt said he was very glad to have his radio license, because of the additional communications it affords him. Burt said the Salvation Army is now in long term recovery mode in Southern Indiana. Burt next introduced Peggy McNary, N9QT. She is the SATERN coordinator for the state of Indiana. Peggy made sure every one knew the difference between Red Cross and the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army was started in England in 1865 by William Booth for soul-saving. It was formed as an "Army of God". A Salvation Army officer is an ordained minister. The Salvation Army is not a social services agency, but a church. It does not charge for services. It works on donations only. SATERN was born out of necessity by WW9E, Major Pat McPherson, when he was sent to a disaster scene, and didn't want to leave the disaster scene without support. The Salvation Army provides support for the disaster workers, as well as the survivors. Peggy said that SATERN isn't used as often as it could be, since the Salvation Army sometimes forgets that they are in place. The new leader of SATERN is Richard Shirran, VE3NUZ. Peggy said she spends probably 50% of her time convincing the state's Salvation Army leaders that they need SATERN. The Salvation Army, since 9/11, has started requiring training for everyone, except SATERN members, so far. Peggy said the Salvation Army is starting to want SATERN volunteers to also be general volunteers, as well. A new manual is being developed for SATERN, with possible levels of available deployment. There is a SATERN HF net on 14.265 MHz Monday through Saturday at 15:00 UTC. Go to <http://satern.org/> for information on other nets and more information on joining SATERN.

Jerry announced there are still some tickets available for the bus to Dayton. Door Prizes were awarded, and adjournment was at 8:30 pm.

## Ham Radio News:

### SILENT KEY: JEFF BUTLER KC9HSZ

*From IndyHams.org web page:*



Jeff Butler, KC9HSZ, became a Silent Key on the evening of Friday, May 11th. Since May 2006, Jeff had volunteered for nearly 50 Public Service Events and participated in many other ham radio related exercises. He helped in marathons, parades, bicycling rides, air shows, and any other events that would come up.

A memorial service will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, at Oakley-Hammond Funeral Home, Moore & Kirk Irvington Chapel, 5342 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN, with visitation there from 1 p.m. until time of service.

Having been in the US Air Force, Jeff loved airplanes. When hams were asked to supply emergency communications volunteers for the Indianapolis Air Show, he was first in line to sign up.

Jeff and Penny joined others in the GPS Lunch Hunts I used to have...always making fun of certain points along the way. In May 2007, Jeff participated in a National Level Exercise named Ardent Sentry 07. He was assigned to the Ham Radio Command Center in Muscatatuck Training Area in Southern Indiana.

Jeff was a long-standing member of the Indianapolis Radio Club, Marion County ARES and Marion County RACES. He always asked what he could do to help. For quite some time, Jeff was the first ham to arrive at the Marion County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when severe weather would threaten the county. He would listen and inform the EOC Manager what was happening in the county as the storms would pass through.

Jeff always had something to say on every subject...sometimes he would disagree with you just to see the reaction he could get from you.

He was a friend, husband, comrade, and volunteer. Jeff was always giving of himself to others; he will be missed.

Jeff, KC9HSZ, rest peaceably, my friend.

A Memorial Fund has been established in the name of Jeff Butler to assist his wife, Penny during this very sad time.

After Tuesday, May 15, go to any Fifth Third Bank ([www.53.com](http://www.53.com)) and ask to contribute to the "Jeff Butler Memorial Fund".

Michael R. Palmer, N9FEB  
Marion County IN Events Coordinator for Ham Radio  
Reserve Coordinator for MC-IDHS  
Department of Public Safety  
Division of Homeland Security

## **SILENT KEY: RON WILLIAMS, W9YZ**

82, of West Lowell Road passed away on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at Silver Oaks Health Campus in Columbus.

Ron was in the graduating class of 1947 at T.C. Howe High School and attended Ball State University. He worked in the field of electronic engineering. Ron worked for several companies including RCA, Thomas & Skinner, Carson Manufacturing and later on with his own home-based company, Avatar Magnetics.

Ron was an amateur radio operator most of his life. His original call letters beginning in 1950 were W9JVF and in the late 1990's, he was licensed under W9YZ. He was a life member of Indianapolis Radio Club (IRC) and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

Ron married his sweetie, Mildred E. (Bailey) in November 22, 1949 in Muncie and they celebrated 62 years of marriage. They raised six daughters together.

Online condolences may be sent to the Williams family at <http://www.barkesweaverlick.com>

Ron is survived by his wife, Milly Williams; daughters, Laura (Robert) Keller of Seattle, Washington, Jane Williams Ferris of Chicago, Ruth (Roy) Goode of Columbus, Carol J. Williams of Carmel; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

## **OPERATORS NEEDED FOR W9IMS**

Ever wonder what it's like to be on the other end of a huge pile-up? If you're interested, you may be able to find out by volunteering to be an operator or logger for the operations of W9IMS, the special event station that commemorates the races run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The first of those is coming up in just a few weeks, and the special event station will go on the air starting Monday, May 21. The operations will be conducted from two very well equipped stations in the Indianapolis area. If this sounds like something you may be interested in, contact the operator coordinator of the event, Bill Kennedy, WY9T, at [wy9t@yahoo.com](mailto:wy9t@yahoo.com).

## **CLASSIC GEAR FOR SALE**

*Bill Lambing, W0LPQ, sent this in:*

“Looking to sell my good old Hammarlund HQ-140X with matching speaker and a Drake T4X-B. Have not used the Drake since shortly after I got it. The Drake has used tubes installed as it had none when I got it.”

If interested, contact Bill at [w0lpq9@msn.com](mailto:w0lpq9@msn.com)

## **NEW HIGH PROFILE REPEATER EAST OF DOWNTOWN**

As was announced at the meeting, there is a new repeater on the air in Indianapolis transmitting at a frequency of 147.21 MHz (receiving at 147.81), with its antenna at approximately 500 feet on one of the MECA towers at Willard Park (State Avenue and Washington Street). The repeater is in a “barebones” test mode currently, using old feedline and an antenna cut for the 155 MHz range. In time, it will have new feedline, and an antenna designed for the ham bands, as well as a pre-amp, power-amp, and multi-function controller. The primary purpose of this repeater is to support the emergency communication needs of Indiana Department of Homeland Security District 5 counties (Marion and “donut” counties), and was made possible via funding from the IDHS, with the City of Indianapolis donating tower space. The callsign of the repeater is the Marion County Emergency Management Agency's, KC9JYA. By the way, for those that have been on the air for a while, if this frequency sounds familiar, it is the same frequency pair that used to be on the Naval Avionics repeater. Feel free to jump on the repeater to give it a “test drive”. So far, it's range is pretty impressive.

## **INDY HAMFEST DOUBLING THE HT GIVE-A-WAY**

The Indianapolis Hamfest, coming up July 14, is doubling the HT per hour give-a-way from last year. One dual band hand held radio will be drawn from the ticket barrel each half hour. Need not be present to win!

Watch for the Indianapolis Hamfest Flyer or check the website:

<http://www.indyhamfest.com/>

## **HENDRICKS COUNTY PARK2PARK RELAY COMING UP**

**Note From Bob Burns, W9RXR:**

The 2012 Hendricks County Parks Foundation Park2Park Relay running race is coming up on June 16, 2012. The event starts at Sodalis Park in southeastern Hendricks County and ends at McCloud Park in the northwestern part of the county. Amateur radio will be heavily involved this year and we'll need lots of operators to fully staff the event.

Please take a look at the amateur radio support web page at:

<http://www.hendricksraces.org/park2park>

There you'll find descriptions of the types of positions we need to fill. You can also download the assignment sheet listing the exact assignments along with their starting and ending times. A preliminary map of the running route is also available for download. More detailed maps will be posted in the near future.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please check the assignment sheet for a position that fits your availability and then contact me via telephone or email as listed below.

This is a very important event for amateur radio in Hendricks County. Not only will we provide a valuable service for the participants in the race, but we will be able demonstrate our communications skills to county public safety officials. The event organizers, our EMA Director, and myself are counting on amateur radio to help out with this event.

Thank you!

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**ISLAND ACTIVATION ON MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND**

Museum Ships Weekend 2012 – June 2 2012 0000Z June 3 2012 2359Z . Activating IOTA NA-143 (Pelican Is.) Brazos Valley ARC will be operating from radio rooms of WWII Submarine USS Cavalla and Destroyer Escort USS Stewart from Seawolf Park on Pelican Is. in Galveston, Texas. We will be operating on 10-40 meters (SSB and CW). Be a part of living history as we commemorate the actions of these ships and crews. More information at <http://www.bvarc.org/index.php?page=ms> Special Event QSL with SASE via KK5W (QRZ.com).

Ron Litt, K5HM

Event Coordinator

## **FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER**

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

## **SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS**

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

### **Signals from the Past:**

**From the May 1972 Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter:**

W9KPN is a memorial station to Bill Manning and is the call sign of the Indianapolis Police Dept. Club station at Willard Park. They can be heard on 2 FM.

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### **Upcoming Area Radio Events:**

- **July 14:** Indianapolis Hamfest Info at <http://www.indyhamfest.com/>
- **August 4:** Broadripple Hamfest Location to be announced.

### **2012 Officers:**

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